



Notice of Race

1 Organizing Authority

The organizing authority is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) together with Rolex Watch, USA.

2 Venue

The venue is St. Petersburg, Florida, USA.

3 Event Grading

This is an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 Provisional Program

(a) Registration and weigh-in will be from 0900 to 1300 on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC).

(b) Practice will be from 0900 to 1200 on Thursday, April 9.

(c) The first briefing and meeting with the umpires will be at 1230 on Thursday, April 9 at the SPSC.

(d) Racing days will be Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 12.

(e) The time of the first Attention Signal will be 1330 on Thursday and 0930 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

(f) No first Attention Signal for any flight will be made after 1400 on Sunday.

(g) The prizegiving will be held as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday.

5 Attendance

Unless excused by the organizing authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) the daily briefing, for skippers;

(b) the prizegiving, for the skippers and crews. On application to the organizing authority, exceptions to this requirement may be granted to competitors whose flight schedules require an earlier departure.

6 Skippers' Eligibility

(a) Only skippers invited by the organizing authority are eligible to enter.

(b) The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

(c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of her invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified in the letter of invitation.

(d) A non-refundable entry bond of \$US 500 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for the acceptance to be valid.

(e) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at < <http://www.sailing.org.isafsailor>>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID no later than at registration.

7 Entries

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, and the payment of all fees and deposits.

7.1 Entry Fee

There is no entry fee.

7.2 Insurance Fee

\$100 of the entry bond will be credited as the boat insurance fee upon registration.

7.3 Damage Deposit

\$ 400 of the entry bond will be credited as an initial damage deposit upon registration.

(a) The initial damage deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

(b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is made by the organizing authority, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

(c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within thirty days.

8 Rules

(a) The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C.

(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.

9 Boats and Sails

(a) The event will be sailed in Sonar-type sloops.

(b) Ten boats will be provided.

(c) Each boat will be provided with a mainsail, a jib and a spinnaker.

(d) Boats will be allocated by draw, as decided by the race committee.

10 Crew (including skipper)

(a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4), all of whom must be women. All registered crew shall sail all races.

(b) The maximum total crew weight shall be 272 kg (600 pounds), when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

(c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the organizing authority may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

(d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the organizing authority may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

11 Event Format

The event will consist of round-robin racing.

12 Course and Racing Area

(a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

(b) The racing area will be in Tampa Bay, near the St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

13 Advertising

(a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the organizing authority, ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

(b) Boats shall not be permitted to protest for an alleged breach of any rule regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

14 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third. The skippers placing first and second will be invited to the 2009 Rolex Osprey Cup.

15 Media, Images and Sound

The organizing authority may require television equipment or dummies to be carried on board while racing, and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The organizing authority and event sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge. All skippers and crew shall be required to sign a waiver and consent granting to SPYC and the Title Sponsor the right to use their names and/or images in advertising relating to the event.

16 Coach Boats

(a) Coach boats shall register with the organizing authority, and conspicuously display identification of the team(s) being coached.

(b) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the jury to the appropriate skipper(s) or team(s).

17 Disclaimer

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The organizing authority, the sponsor, their associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 Invitations

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the organizing authority by completing the form to be found on the event website <www.rolexwomensmatch.org>.

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